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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
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Re: *Tariff Filings by Local Exchange Companies to Comply with FCC Order 96-439,
Concerning the Reclassification of Pay Telephones*
Docket No. 97-00409

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Yesterday we were served with a copy of an appeal of the Pre-Hearing Officer's Order from the Tennessee Payphone Owners Association ("TPOA"). BellSouth intends to oppose TPOA's request that the Tennessee Regulatory Authority reverse the decision of the Pre-Hearing Officer denying TPOA's Motion for Interim Relief. Because BellSouth intends to file a written response to the appeal and because the Pre-Hearing Officer's Order, which is the subject of the appeal, is on the Authority's August 1 docket, BellSouth respectfully requests that the matter be deferred until the next Authority conference, which we understand is scheduled for August 15. I have discussed this request with Mr. Henry Walker, counsel for TPOA. TPOA does not oppose BellSouth's request to defer consideration of the appeal until August 15th.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Guy M. Hicks

GMH/jem

cc: Hon. Lynn Greer, Hearing Officer

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